

A-O CUSD #1

Board Briefs



January

2018

BOARD BRIEFS

On January 8, 2018, the Board held its regular business meeting.

At 6:00 p.m., the regular meeting was called to order.

- Roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance occurred.
- Staff comments occurred.
- District administrators provided reports:
 - Mrs. Ryder:
 - Our enrollment number is 400 for K-5 and Pre-K is full. Several new students are starting on Tuesday.
 - We had a wonderful mindfulness training from Karma Lynn Carpenter on our School Improvement day before break. She was very engaging and shared many strategies for teachers to use in their rooms. A few staff members have already come forward with ideas for implementation of mindfulness practices for students and staff! The afternoon was spent with a presentation on Fountas and Pinnell and grade level teams giving input for the curriculum committee to consider at our next meeting.
 - On Friday evening, 16 5th grade students were recognized for the Young Artist's Showcase at the Ann Lloyd Gallery in Decatur. The work is on display until the end of the month. Congratulations to our students and Mrs. Stoerger for their hard work and dedication!
 - Mr. Blair:
 - On December 22nd, the language arts, math, and science teachers met with the building curriculum committee members. A list of possible universal screeners and possible schools to contact was generated. This will be shared with the district committee in January to start researching and contacting vendors.
 - We held our winter celebration December 21st, which was enjoyed by students and staff. Ninety percent of the students qualified to participate.
 - Tardies have decreased, averaging 3.5 tardies per day in October to less than 1.1 in December. Discipline infractions per day have also decreased from averaging 5 per day in October to 3 per day in December. Our goal is to average less than one a day.

- The Career Fair at Richland Community College was cancelled due to inclement weather. A make-up date has not been scheduled.
- Mr. German:
 - AOHS enrollment update – 278
 - Provided an update regarding the Curriculum Committee and meetings with English, Math, and Science. We are reviewing and planning for updates for the 2018-2019 school year.
 - Senior students from Mr. Gebben's class provided a presentation before break regarding implementing student and staff discussions on a regular basis.
 - The Macon County Regional High School Association has been able to make donations to area organizations at the boys and girls basketball tournaments over the last month. \$1,000 donations have been made to the Macon County Toys for Tots program and to the Northeast Community Fund. These donations are possible due to the ongoing support of our communities. Thank you!
- Mr. Williams:
 - The Bomber Classic was held on Saturday, December 30, 2017. We had 16 teams in attendance and I would like to thank the coaches, wrestling parents and alumni for all their hard work making it another successful event. It was the largest event to date.
 - Girls' basketball senior night will be Thursday, January 25th.
 - Boys' basketball senior night will be Tuesday, February 13th.
 - Eighth grade night for the boys' basketball team will be January 15th.
 - The first home volleyball match will be Tuesday, January 9th vs. LSA.
 - Provided an update on the track/field project.
- Mr. Jones:
 - No report was provided.
- The board entered closed session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act-5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), which permits a closed session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, and/or dismissal of specific employee(s) of the public body.
- The regular meeting was reconvened.
- Review and approval of Board Minutes occurred.
- The approval of Payroll/Bills occurred.
- Personnel Employment
 - Action occurred on the following retirement:
 - Kim Swanson will retire at the end of the school year.
 - Action occurred on the following resignation(s):
 - Tracy Gatherright as MS/HS evening custodian.
 - Morgan Fornear as MS/HS day custodian.
 - Action occurred to approve the following volunteer coaches:
 - HS Track
 - Cindy Fitzgerald
- Mr. Williams presented the eligibility report for the fall semester.

- An update on the facility improvement projects occurred.
- The first reading of board policies (Exhibit A) occurred.
- The Working Cash Fund Bond with Nixon Insurance was renewed.
- Mr. Williams provided a comprehensive presentation on the state of athletic uniforms at A-O. He discussed instituting a five year uniform rotation cycle. The BOE approved this proposal.
- One facility usage request was approved.
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- The regular meeting was reconvened.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.